

you have, among your other duties, the official responsibility of investigating UFO reports and related matters, we could only assume that the "Federal Authority" referred to in Mr. Matthews' letter must be yourself, Dr. Millman, but to get the record straight, I would appreciate it if you would kindly confirm or deny this assumption.

More recently, I have learned indirectly that you have advised Mr. Brian Cannon of Winnipeg, to the effect that you are satisfied there is nothing unusual about the metal and that in your opinion, it is manganese steel, apparently being ladle residue from the Sorel Foundry which inserts a pipe into their waste molten metal for lifting purposes and the pipe leaves a hole after solidification. Again, it would be appreciated if you could confirm that this statement is correct. If it is, then this information is, of course, of interest to us although it still leaves a number of unanswered questions. For example, the lipped protuberance in the mass of metal can hardly be described as a "hole" left behind by a pipe, and according to one of the original C.A.R.D.E. reports on our files "a small electronic potting can was embedded near one of the outer edges. By scratching away the potting plastic, it was possible to identify an electronic component which appeared to be a transistor." Then there is the matter of the inclusions on the outer surface of the metal. Did the Sorel Foundry have any explanation to offer with regard to the inclusions? As you probably know, photographs of these inclusions taken with the aid of microphotography, led the late Wilbert B. Smith to believe that they might be micrometeorites, and according to our records, you carried out some investigative work with him in this regard, estimating that micro meteorites of this size would occur through a sq. cm. section at about 10^{-5} second, so that it would take about a year in space to accumulate such a density. We would also be interested to know how the metal mass was traced to the Sorel Foundry, how they were able after over 9 years to identify it as being their own ladle residue, and particularly their explanation as to how and why this 3,000-lb. chunk of metal and its companion mass of 800 lbs. were transported some 50-60 miles up river from the Sorel Foundry to the location where it was found on the shore of the St. Lawrence River near Les Ecoreils, Quebec, the larger piece, incidentally, being delicately balanced on a rock. The finding of the metal in these strange circumstances has, of course, always been the biggest mystery of all and we would welcome any explanation you may have to offer as a result of your investigation.

I am sure that you are just as anxious as we are to clear up some of the mystery which has surrounded the metal for so long and as, if your statement to Brian Cannon is correct that there is "nothing unusual about the metal", this matter can hardly be a "classified" or "confidential" one, I would greatly appreciate it if you could send me a full, scientific report of your investigation, including the composition of the various elements found in the metal and any explanations you can offer for the questions raised in the foregoing paragraph - which of course, would clear up this matter once and for all. You will appreciate that a large number of people have become interested in this metal and therefore you would be performing a public service in supplying the requested information. We only want to get at the truth of this matter, but as a scientist, you will understand that in order to get any statement fully accepted, it must be supported by a scientific report from an authoritative source.

I realize that you are a very busy man, Dr. Millman, but in view of the fact that I am being pressed for answers by interested people, I would be most grateful for an early reply to this letter, and I take this opportunity of thanking you for the interest you have already displayed in the chunk of metal. Your kind co-operation in this matter will be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary.